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Aquecer REDES!

A Chance to Meet an American Hero of HIV / AIDS!

American author and political activist **Mary Fisher** will be visiting Mozambique June 9–14 and is willing to appear at REDES events held in Maputo, Gaza, or Inhambane.

Fisher contracted HIV from her second husband and has since become an advocate for AIDS prevention and education, as well as the compassionate treatment of people with HIV and AIDS.

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Learning from the Best

MORRUMBALA, ZAMBÉZIA - On April 17th, Mozambican Women's Day, the REDES girls of Morrumbala held an open forum with successful local women. The town's judge, doctor, and public prosecutor were present along with a police officer, a social worker and the Director of World Vision Morrumbala. During the event, the REDES girls had the opportunity to ask these female leaders about careers, marriage, early pregnancies, and gender discrimination.

Dublina Paulo, a social worker, talked about her experience marrying at age seventeen to a forty-five-year-old man. "I want you all to know about my experience, the struggles I went through," she said. "I want to tell you all about it so you don't suffer like I did."

Maria Ondina, the Director of World Vision Morrumbala,



The Morrumbala REDES girls spoke with key female figures from their town about overcoming gender challenges and achieving their goals.

bala, had a very different life story to share. She talked about her experience growing up in a poor family and the hard work that eventually led to her career as an INGO provincial director. "In my family, we had a rule: you can't get married until you have a job. So I worked hard and had children later."

The girls enjoyed this opportunity to talk with wom-

en who have managed to succeed despite the challenges imposed by their gender.

One REDES member, Tânia Brito, said of the event, "I really enjoyed talking to the judge. I want to be a judge one day." Silosia Eduardo also enjoyed the forum. "I learned that in order to achieve my dreams, I need to focus. I need to study and get married later."

Interested in learning more about REDES or creating a group?

For more information on how to become part of the REDES movement, contact:

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Have a REDES story you want included in a future publication?

Feel like your girls' hard effort merits recognition? Want to share a success story from your local REDES group with the rest of the country? Please contact:

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